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SUBJECT: ELYSEE COMMENTS ON FRENCH-PORTUGUESE RELATIONS

REF: (A) PARIS 01968; (B) PARIS 1753; (C) PARIS 1233

1. ELYSEE SOURCE INFORMS US ON STRICT BACKGROUND BASIS THAT GISCARD HAS GIVEN FURTHER THOUGHT TO QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL BILATERAL FRENCH AID TO PORTUGAL IN LIGHT OF A REPORT ON PROGRAMS BEING DEVELOPED BY OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND PARTICULARLY THE U.S. (REFTELS B AND C).

2. FOR THE PRESENT GISCARD REMAINS RESERVED AS REGARDS ANY SIMILAR NEW FRENCH BILATERAL INITIATIVES, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF HIS PREOCCUPATION WITH FRANCE'S OWN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. EVEN SO, EMBOFF WAS TOLD THAT THE POSSIBILITY SHOULD NOT BE WHOLLY EXCLUDED THAT GISCARD MAY MODIFY HIS POSITION IN COURSE OF THE MUCH MORE ACTIVE PROGRAM  
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OF FRENCH-PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL CONTACTS FORESEEN IN THE

COMING WEEKS.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION OUR SOURCE SUBSTANTIALLY CONFIRMED THE ACCURACY OF THE FRENCH-PORTUGUESE PROGRAM OF VISITS OUTLINED TO US BY THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR (REFTEL A). OUR SOURCE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT GOF IS INDEED INCREASINGLY DISPOSED TOWARD SUBSTANTIAL FRENCH PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN PORTUGAL, INCLUDING PETRO-CHEMICAL FIELD, (REFS A AND B), ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL "GREEN LIGHT" HAD AS YET BEEN GIVEN. THESE ISSUES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSION IN UPCOMING MEETINGS WITH PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC MINISTERS.

4. AFP HAS JUST CONFIRMED THAT SAUVAGNARGUES WILL MAKE HIS FIRST VISIT TO LISBON FEBRUARY 26-27 TO DISCUSS BILATERAL AND PORTUGUESE/EEC RELATIONS.  
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